

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### A Summary of Important Events.

It is expected that the project of establishing a doubleline of telegraph between St. Louis and Chicago will soon be carried into execution.

The citizens of Alaska have held a convention at Harrisburg and addressed a memorial to Congress asking for a Territorial Government.

The National Prohibition Alliance has issued a call for a national conference of Prohibitionists in New York City on the 15th and 16th of September.

The National Board of Health has instructed quarantine officers to be especially rigid in their examination of all vessels coming from yellow-fever ports.

GEN. WILLIAM C. WICKHAM, leader of the "Straightout" Republicans of Virginia, has published a letter giving his reasons for opposing Mahone and proposed coalition with the Readjusters on the part of the Republicans, and winding up with the announcement that he will vote the State Democratic ticket.

The following has been anonymously sent to the Chicago papers. It is regarded as a hoax: "Americans and friends of Ireland are hereby warned against embarking upon any vessel flying the British flag after Thursday, September 1. Many may reach their destination, but none are safe. By order of Central Committee."

The Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis, through its Executive Committee, has issued a call to the people of the Mississippi Valley for the selection of delegates to a Convention to be held in their city on the 25th day of October, 1881, to deliberate on the question of improving the great Mississippi River and its navigable tributaries.

EVIDENCE continues to accumulate of Capt. Howgate's financial crookedness as head of the Signal Service Bureau. Vouchers to the amount of \$50,000, purporting to be for supplies purchased of New York dealers, are pronounced forgeries by the firm whose names they bear. It is now known that Capt. Howgate kept several women on the pay-roll of his office who never performed a day's work, and whose relations with him were of a decidedly questionable nature.

The proclamation issued some time since by the Indian Bureau, ordering all white settlers to vacate the lands of the Indian Nation who have not paid their tax and obtained a permit from the Indian authorities, is now being enforced. Lieut. Shoemaker, with a company of United States soldiers, together with a force of Indian militia under Gov. McCurtain, have been stationed on the border of the Territory, near Fort Smith, for the purpose of ejecting all settlers who are not disposed to go voluntarily. Many of the settlers claim to be unable to pay the tax, and their forcible dispossession is said to work a great hardship, leaving them and their families homeless.

PLANO, Texas, suffered from a disastrous fire on the morning of the 27th. Fifty-seven buildings were destroyed, nearly all of which were business houses. All the stocks of goods were burned. There was no water, and the town had no fire department to combat the conflagration. The Post-office with all its contents was consumed. The origin of the fire is not positively known. The aggregate losses will foot up between \$300,000 and \$350,000, with but comparatively small insurance. Many people are left entirely destitute. About the same time a fire at Abilene, Texas, destroyed thirteen buildings in the business portion of the town. Loss, about \$20,000; insurance, \$2,000.

PARLIAMENT was prorogued on the 27th. Referring to the Land bill the Queen's speech says: "I warmly appreciate the zeal and assiduity with which you have devoted yourselves to the task of maturing measures for improving the relations between owners and occupiers of land in Ireland and for otherwise bettering the condition of its agricultural population. It is my earnest hope that the new law may be productive of benefits commensurate with the care you have bestowed upon the enactments. It has been my study to use the exceptional powers conferred to me in Ireland with vigilance and firmness, but with discrimination, while I earnestly desire that the condition of the country may so improve as to enable me to dispense with or abate the use of temporary and exceptional provisions."

A BUS containing a load of passengers from the Walshaw Railroad, while going from the depot to the village of Lexington Mo., about 8 o'clock on the evening of the 25th, was stopped by a party of four or five masked and armed men, and all the passengers robbed of their money and other valuables. The distance from the depot to Lexington is about four miles, through a comparatively open country. The men evidently were well acquainted with the ground, and conducted the robbery in a manner that would indicate that they were experts in the business. Immediately after the deed they left in the direction of the railroad. As soon as the passengers arrived at the town and acquainted the citizens with the facts, a number started in pursuit, determined if possible to capture the outlaws.

GREENBACK Conventions were held on the 24th in New York, Massachusetts and Mississippi. The New York Convention nominated a ticket headed by Epictetus Howe for Secretary of State and adopted resolutions reaffirming the Chicago platform of 1880, and declaring that railroad corporations should be prohibited from charging for transporting more than enough to pay operating expenses and a fair return on their actual cost. The Massachusetts Convention nominated Israel W. Andrews for Governor and George Dutton for Lieutenant-Governor. The platform contains a resolution affirming the equal right of suffrage without regard to race, color, sex or taxes. The Mississippi Greenbacks and Independents nominated Col. Ben King for Governor, J. B. Yellowby, Lieutenant-Governor; J. J. Spellman (colored), Secretary of State; W. H. Byrum, Treasurer; A. T. Wimberly, Auditor; W. F. Fitzgerald, Attorney-General; W. D. House, Superintendent of Education.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

RECENT advices from St. Petersburg state that additional arrests of prominent persons continue to be made. Although the prisons are filled with persons accused of political crimes, very few are brought to trial.

COL. JAMES G. BENTON, of the United States Ordnance Department, since 1866 in charge of the Armory at Springfield, Mass., is dead.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS has written a private letter announcing that he is very busily engaged in writing a book in reply to the recently published work of Jefferson Davis.

ANDERSON PITTS, a wealthy farmer at Rutherford County, Tenn., who recently had a divorce trouble, was shot and killed in his melon patch by some persons unknown.

A CASE of yellow fever is reported from Key West, Fla., and the National Board of Health is officially informed that it is believed to have originated there.

THE American Pharmaceutical Association met in Kansas City on the 23d, with a representation of about one hundred members.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., has had a \$200,000 fire. One fireman was killed and two others badly injured.

THE shops of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad at Harrisburg, Texas, were burned on the 23d, together with the tools, machinery, three locomotives and one passenger car. Total loss \$200,000; insured. The fire is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion.

BEN BLANTON, ex-Sheriff of Cooke County, Texas, and James Todd settled a quarrel growing out of a lawsuit by killing each other. Todd was shot through the heart and in the breast. The top of Blanton's head was blown off.

MR. and Mrs. H. Temple, residing on the farm of A. D. Mitchell, about two miles south of Fulton, Ill., were instantly killed by lightning during a heavy storm on the morning of the 23d. They had arisen during the storm and were in the act of retiring when the fatal stroke entered the building. An infant about four months old was between them at the time they were killed, but was uninjured. Four other children were also in the same room in bed, but they likewise escaped.

A. J. WHITTON, Government Inspector of Weights and Measures at Montreal, Canada, is a defaulter to a large amount and has fled to the States.

THE reputable citizens of Benson, Arizona, give notice that they have driven from the town a gang of confidence men who have long infested the place, to the detriment and pecuniary loss of many Eastern tourists.

GENERAL LESLIE COOMBS, of Kentucky, who died at his home in Lexington on the 21st, in the 88th year of his age, was the last of the Pioneer Indian warriors of that State. He was a Captain in the war of 1812, and raised and equipped a regiment to aid Texas in her struggle for independence. He was a trusted friend of Henry Clay. He was several times Auditor of Kentucky, and suffered defeat for Congress at the hands of John C. Breckenridge. He was a strong Union man during the late civil war. Many years ago he lost a large fortune in building railroads, and two years since he was left almost destitute by the burning of his home.

THE Colored Press Association of the United States met at Chicago on the 23d.

WHILE the crops throughout a large area of the United States are almost an utter failure on account of the prolonged drought, British agriculturists are bemoaning the probable destruction of their harvests by too copious rains.

THE Illinois and Mississippi River and Canal Improvement Commission, appointed by the Convention held at Davenport, Iowa, last May, to further the construction of the Hennepin Canal, met in Chicago on the 25th. The most important business transacted was the appointment of a committee to memorialize Congress for the construction of a commercial canal not to exceed seven feet in depth, from Hennepin westward to the Mississippi River.

B. WILKES, a well-known planter and merchant of Sunflower County, Miss., was shot dead while standing in the door of his store at Johnsonville. The assassin is unknown.

GEORGE W. RIGGS, the well-known Washington banker, is dead.

ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., suffered the destruction of nearly the entire business portion of the town by fire, on the morning of the 24th. The Journal office was entirely consumed. The total loss foots up about \$100,000, with but little insurance. A coal-oil lamp explosion was the cause of the conflagration.

THROUGH the assistance of the United States Ministers to Chili and the Argentine Republic, the boundary between those countries has been fixed.

THE Attorney-General has given a decision in favor of Gen. Hazen as against Gen. Sherman, conceding to officers of the Signal Corps army status under the law.

A LETTER from Bangkok, Siam, says Asiatic cholera is raging. It is variously estimated that from 100 to 300 natives are dying daily. Very few foreigners have died, but several have fled to Singapore and Hong Kong.

A TERRIBLE encounter occurred in Edgefield County, S. C., between J. W. Buzzard and his son and J. W. Timmerman, in which Timmerman was killed and Buzzard and his son seriously wounded. An old feud was the cause of the affray. The weapons used were double-barreled shotguns.

A SERIOUS riot occurred at Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland, owing to the report that the police were about to remove some cattle seized for rent. A mob assembled and stoned the police, who charged the crowd several times.

TRAIN-WRECKERS in Massachusetts made three unsuccessful efforts on the Old Colony Road, near Bridgewater.

FOUR Mexican horse-thieves were shot dead while making off with valuable stock near Brackett, Texas.

DANIEL C. DE JARNETTE, a member of the Thirty-sixth Congress and afterward of the Confederate House of Representatives from the Richmond (Va.) District, is dead.

THE son of a widow named Talking-ton, in Shelby County, Ind., while carelessly handling a revolver shot and instantly killed his six-year-old brother.

TWO negroes were hanged on the 26th—Andrew Sanders, for the murder of a white man named Miller, at Covington,

Tenn., and Ben Perkins, for the murder of Gif Roberts, colored, at Livingston, Ala. JOHN C. HATELY's packing-house, Chicago, was destroyed by fire on the 26th. Loss, \$100,000.

TWO brothers named Coffin, living in Elk Township, Mich., fell from a steamer in the St. Clair River and were drowned. They were intoxicated.

At Greensburg, Ky., George Gaines was killed and several persons injured by the explosion of a boiler.

NEARLY a ton of powder blew up the building in which it was stored at Warren, Mo., the other day. Samuel Mank, a workman, was blown nearly four hundred feet and instantly killed.

At Forest City, Ark., Tate Wallace invited S. D. Apperson, City Marshal, to take a cigar, and while standing at the counter of the saloon Apperson drew his pistol and said: "I believe I'll shoot you." Tate, thinking he was jesting, replied: "Shoot away." Apperson fired, killing him instantly. No cause can be assigned for the murder, for the two men were apparently on the best of terms. Apperson was intoxicated at the time.

THREE men were killed and two others seriously injured in New York City the other day. Some electric lights were about to be tested, the hoisting gear at the top of the pole broke just as the lamps reached the top, and the lamps and their carriage, a mass of iron weighing over 600 pounds, fell with crushing weight from a height of more than 100 feet.

MRS. SMITH, a widow living near Kaufman, Texas, several members of her family, and some tenants, ten in all, were poisoned by eating cooked peaches containing arsenic. Medical assistance was summoned, but at last report there was little hope of recovery of any of the injured parties.

A COLLISION on the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western, near Burnham, between gravel and wood trains, wrecked both engines and killed engineer Michael Gray, fireman Robert Bethinger, and a brakeman.

At Leadville, Colo., on the 27th, some assassins placed a large quantity of giant powder under the bay-window of Judge J. L. Pender's residence and fired it with a long fuse. The front part of the house was demolished, but fortunately no one was injured. No cause is assigned for the diabolical deed, and no clue has been obtained to the perpetrators.

A DISPATCH from Tombstone, A. T., says Indians attacked the town of Eureka, New Mexico, and killed the citizens, said to be about seventy in number.

CAPT. W. W. ROSS, the official reporter of the Agricultural Bureau for Northern Texas, has completed his report. It shows about one-fourth corn crop. Wheat is all threshed, and crops fair and of good quality. Cuts from forty to eighty bushels per acre, and of best quality. Cotton will hardly yield above one-third of an average crop.

ROBERT WARREN was killed by jumping from the fourth story of a burning building in Cincinnati. A number of persons were partially suffocated and slightly injured in effecting escape.

BETTIE, the 11-year-old daughter of Anthony McGee, residing near Marshall, Tex., attempted to kindle a fire with coal-oil, when the can exploded, enveloping her in flames, from the effects of which she died in three hours.

It is said that the Government is going to treat Sitting-Bull and the warriors who surrendered with him as prisoners of war, and that their transfer to Fort Randall has been resolved upon.

EDWARD MUGGRAVE, Treasurer of the Alpaca Company at Chicopee Falls, Mass., is a defaulter to the amount of \$100,000 or over, and has absconded.

ARTHUR MORTON, with many aliases, swindler and bigamist, has been taken to Richmond, Va., for trial.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD's condition on the 27th (Saturday) was so extremely critical that even the sanguine Dr. Bliss for the first time was forced to admit the improbability of his recovery. The noon bulletin of that day was the most discouraging yet issued, and non-official dispatches all agreed that a fatal termination was anticipated, and that probably within twenty-four hours. Greatly to the surprise and delight of all, however, towards evening the President rallied somewhat, and the improvement, although slight at first, continued through Saturday night, Sunday and Monday. At 1:30 o'clock on the morning of the 30th there were no indications of any unusual change in the President's condition, and the members of the family all retired.

THE steamboat State of New York, plying between Hartford, Conn., and New York City, collided with a wreck on the night of the 28th and went down in shallow water. A passenger, his wife and child, were overboard in the excitement, but were saved. All the baggage was lost.

NEAR Nelsonville, Ohio, Dick Williamson quarreled with the brothers Scott and James Tipton, shooting both, the former fatally. Williamson was arrested.

At Newport, R. I., on the 29th, Lieutenant-Commander Edes and Lieut. Spaulding were instantly killed while experimenting with torpedoes. Their bodies were literally blown into fragments, going up some thirty-five feet. Edes' legs were torn from the trunk and split in two. Spaulding's feet were blown off, and while his boots were found in good order, not a trace of his feet was discovered.

An easterly gale swept the coast of South Carolina on the 28th, causing great loss of life and damage to property.

A FREIGHT train on the Chicago & Grand Trunk Road was thrown from the track near Detroit by a broken rail, and nine cars were wrecked. A brakeman named Egroven was thrown into the air and instantly killed, his body being horribly mangled.

THE President of the Swiss Confederation, in receiving United States Minister Cramer, expressed the sorrow and anger of Switzerland at the act which brought President Garfield to the brink of the tomb, and an earnest hope for his recovery.

A RECENT dispatch from Algeria says: All the country around Philippeville, to the extent of sixty square kilometers, is one vast conflagration. Stores, the port of Philippeville, has been destroyed. A forest of cork trees is ablaze, and, fanned by a violent soroce, is carrying all before it. It is hardly possible for the garrison and population to effect anything in the way of subduing the fire owing to the heat. It is feared that the fire originated with the Arabs.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Announcement of Fairs.  
Boone.....Columbia.....Sept. 3-10.  
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Cole.....Jefferson City.....Sept. 13-17.  
District fair.....Appleton City.....Aug. 20-Sept. 3.  
Franklin.....Washington.....Sept. 14-16.  
Jackson.....Kansas City.....Sept. 17-19.  
Kansas City.....Kansas City.....Sept. 17-19.  
Knox.....Edina.....Oct. 4-5.  
Marion.....Humboldt.....Sept. 27-31.  
Monteclair.....California.....Sept. 27-30.  
Monroe.....Paris.....Sept. 13-16.  
Montgomery.....Montgomery.....Sept. 20-24.  
Nodaway.....Maryville.....Sept. 10-23.  
North-east.....Williamson.....Sept. 10-23.  
Pettis.....Sedalia.....Sept. 20-24.  
Platte.....Platte City.....Aug. 30-Sept. 5.  
St. Clair.....Appleton City.....Sept. 20-Oct. 1.  
St. Louis.....Hannibal.....Sept. 27-Oct. 1.  
St. Louis.....California.....Sept. 27-30.  
St. Louis.....Edina.....Oct. 4-5.  
St. Louis.....Butler.....Sept. 8-10.  
St. Louis.....Gassman.....Sept. 9 and 10.  
St. Louis.....Moberly.....Sept. 27-Oct. 1.  
St. Louis.....Bethany.....Sept. 13-16.  
Buchanan.....St. Joseph.....Sept. 5-19.

Miscellaneous Items.  
St. Louis tobacco market (Aug. 27): Dark lugs, common to good, \$5.00 to \$6.00; bright smoking, common to good, \$5.75 to \$7.00; dark red leaf, \$6.50 to \$10.50; half-bright wrappers, common to medium, \$10 to \$18.

For nearly a year the west end of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, from Jefferson City to Kansas City, has been made notorious by the frequent swindles perpetrated by the news agents. A few days ago, soon after leaving St. Louis, D. C. Holland, a passenger, purchased from the news agent, John E. Boshough, some oranges, tendering a \$5 bill in payment. The agent took the bill and placed it in his pocket, and drew forth instead a \$1 bill, which he folded up and handed to Holland, with the remark that he could not change it. Holland placed the bill in his pocket without looking at it, but a short time afterward made the discovery that he had been swindled. He complained to the Conductor, who informed Special Detective Furlong, of the Missouri Pacific Road, who was on the train. A telegram was sent to the police at Sedalia, and on the arrival of the train Furlong turned Boshough over to them. He was taken before Squire Clark, and as the money was found up the prisoner's sleeve and identified by Holland, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the County Jail and to pay a fine of \$50. Boshough has been on the Pacific Road about three years.

J. R. Pollard shot and mortally wounded Joseph Daugherty at Sibley, Jackson County. The former is a dry-goods merchant and the latter purchased a bill of goods from him and refused to pay for them. This occasioned a lawsuit and quarrel, which terminated in the shooting. Pollard gave himself up, waived examination and gave bond for appearance before the Grand Jury. The affair has created a good deal of excitement, but the general opinion is that Pollard was justifiable. Daugherty was a desperate character.

An incendiary attempt to burn the bonded warehouse of the Crystal Springs Distillery, at Independence, was made the other night. A bundle of shavings saturated with coal-oil was placed under one end and set on fire, but, very fortunately, the watchman discovered the blaze in time to give the alarm and save the building. The warehouse contained over 700 barrels of whiskey, which would have been destroyed had the discovery been made ten minutes later. There is no clew to the incendiary and deep mystery surrounds the affair.

Governor Crittenden has appointed and commissioned Frank C. Condon, of St. Joseph, Major and Assistant Inspector-General; Henry A. Newman, of Huntsville, Major and Quartermaster; and Lucien P. Nolan, of Macon, Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Brig.-Gen. Van Cleave, commanding the District of North Missouri.

At St. Louis, on the 26th, Philip Mueller, a peaceable German, was fatally shot by a hoodlum named Jack Hayes.

A man named Watson, employed in digging a well on the Little Blue, south of Independence, was overcome by the noxious gas and called out to be hoisted up. When he had been raised to within about ten feet of the top he groaned, let go his hold on the rope, and fell headlong to the bottom, crushing his skull and mangle his body almost beyond recognition.

A letter from a gentleman in Fall River, Mass., has been received by Secretary Renshaw, of the Missouri Immigration Society, asking him to indicate a county in which from 20,000 to 30,000 acres of land can be purchased in a body at \$2 an acre. The writer says that it is to be purchased for a body of artisans who are preparing to leave Massachusetts, but there is some probability that the land is wanted for speculative purposes.

Deputy Sheriff Williams, of Cooper County, the other day arrested four men, near Bunceon, charged with violating the law regulating weights and measures, by putting a false bottom in a half-bushel measure. These men were engaged in running a thrashing-machine, where they worked their nefarious scheme to their profit.

THE Kansas City Board of Trade, influenced by several bucket-shop failures recently, have drafted an ordinance which will be urged upon the City Council, imposing a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for opening an establishment of this kind.

One Martin, an individual traveling on the deaf-and-dumb dodge, attempted, in a drunken spree, to board the Missouri Pacific train at Kansas City and had his foot badly crushed. His cries for help betrayed the imposture, to the no small amusement of the crowd.

There are twenty-five murderers in the Jail at St. Louis. The latest addition is a mulatto named G. W. Sears, who cut the throat of Sallie Freeman, a yellow girl, because she started for church with a rival. The horrible deed was perpetrated on the sidewalk, and his victim was a corpse in five minutes from the time of his assault.

St. Louis dog-catchers are at work.

The dwelling of Mat Ganskey, a well-known farmer living about two miles from Jefferson City, was entered by burglars the other night. The family were chloroformed and about \$400, mostly gold, silver and fractional currency, carried off. Ganskey was away from home. When the victims recovered from their stupor the neighbors were alarmed and pursuit made, but at last accounts the parties had not been arrested.

At Kansas City a quarrel between a hack-driver named Cal Hatcher and a teamster named House resulted in Hatcher receiving a wound from which it is doubtful if he will recover.

Rails County farmers have been plowing by night.

### A MAN WITH MANY WIVES.

Arrest of a Professional Bigamist and Swindler—An Account of the Villainous Exploits of a Most Remarkable Scoundrel—Several Women Married and Deserted—His Financial Swindling Transactions.

For more than a year past, at tolerably regular intervals, there have appeared in the daily papers dispatches from various cities between Boston and Richmond, and as far west as Missouri or Kansas, giving particulars of the achievements of a professional bigamist and swindler, who operated under the names of Marvin, Morton, Adams and other fictitious appellations. His methods in almost all his adventures have been nearly alike, and the descriptions of the man have so closely tallied that as fast as the announcements of his achievements were made his previous victims recognized him as being still on his travels. This reckless individual was arrested yesterday at Lynn, Mass., through the efforts of Pinkerton's detectives, and is now in jail awaiting extradition to Virginia, where he is charged with forgery, bigamy and obtaining money under false pretenses. Captain "Bob" Pinkerton, who is in charge of the New York office, and has directed the detective movements against the swindler, says the man who is widely known as Marvin is the most remarkable fellow. He is about thirty-seven years of age, about five feet nine inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds. His head, which is well formed, is covered with a growth of white hair, and rather thin at the crown, and he wears a white mustache and long side whiskers. His complexion is florid, his eyes are of a dark blueish gray, and he has deep-set lines in his cheeks. He wears a Prince Albert coat, kept closely buttoned, always wears black or blue-black clothing, and has a distinctive, semi-military air. Added to this is what is sometimes called "a beautiful talker," and has unbounded nerve and confidence. Some eight or nine wives have already been traced to his transitory possession, with no one of whom he has ever lived longer than a week, while his forged or fraudulent commercial notes are too numerous to be catalogued. He has been hunted down mainly through his Virginia escapade.

In May last the Hartford (Conn.) Churchman contained an advertisement, from which it appeared that one Thomas A. Marvin was in need of a governess, he being a widower, for his eight-year-old daughter. Among others who replied to the advertisement was a Miss Turpin, of Richmond, Va., a lady of good family, but in moderate circumstances, then living with her mother. Miss Turpin was about twenty years old. She received a reply from Marvin, dated at New Haven, in which he said he was very favorably impressed with her written application, and would like to see her, but he wished to know her terms. Again she wrote, giving her terms, to which he responded, saying the terms were rather high, and asking her for references. She answered, giving him the name of a Judge and a minister in Richmond, and asked him for his references. In return he gave her the names of Judge Cowan, of Germantown, Pa.; W. A. Taylor, of Camden, N. J., and the Rev. John Danforth, of Media, Pa. Miss Turpin wrote to these parties and received from them the most eulogistic indorsements of Mr. Marvin, as a gentleman of wealth, culture and responsibility. In a few days Miss Turpin received a note saying Mr. Marvin was about going to Richmond to visit her. He called on her accordingly, appeared to be pleased, and concluded an engagement with her as a governess. Then he left, saying he had some business to attend to in New York, and saying he would be back in a week to take Miss Turpin to New Haven. The letter of recommendation from W. A. Taylor was signed by Mrs. Taylor, who said she had opened her husband's letter because he was absent from home, and that she could indorse Mr. Marvin. A few days after Marvin left Richmond Miss Turpin received a second letter from Mrs. Taylor, in which she said Mr. Marvin had just called on her, and that he was highly pleased, and Mrs. Taylor also said she could not avoid committing an unpardonable breach of confidence by informing her that Mr. Marvin had told her that Miss Turpin was his ideal, and that he proposed to seek her as his wife. Mrs. Taylor closed her letter by again recommending Marvin as a paragon of conjugal goodness to his first wife, and saying that Miss Turpin would do well in accepting him should he offer his hand and feet to her. Two or three days later Marvin turned up in Richmond and did actually propose marriage. Miss Turpin accepted his offer, but told him very frankly that she could not yet love him, but could fulfill her duties faithfully as a wife. On July 29 they were married, and Marvin gave her an instrument in writing by which he settled on her a marriage gift of \$30,000. Not long after the wedding Marvin went to A. M. Brownell, Miss Turpin's brother-in-law, and got him to go to a bank in Richmond and identify him as the holder of the drafts drawn by the First National Bank of Madison, Wis., on the First National Bank of Chicago. The drafts were in favor of Baird & Bradley, but were indorsed payable to Marvin, for \$750. He received for them \$250 in cash and the balance in two smaller drafts on the Merchants' National Bank of New York. He next borrowed \$100 from the clergyman who had married him to Miss Turpin, when he left Richmond with his bride for a bridal tour. A few days after he left his wife's relatives found out by the return of the drafts that they were worthless, and beginning to suspect Marvin, they wrote to ex-Judge Shipman, in this city, who put the case in Pinkerton's hands. All of these letters of recommendation, it is almost needless to say, were written by Marvin himself, or at his instance. There were no such people living in those places as those whom he named as references. After Miss Turpin had written to the parties he went to the post-offices named and got her letters and sent the eulogistic responses. Meanwhile, Marvin had got as far as Jersey City, and left his wife at the Windsor Hotel while he went on to Albany. In the latter city he bought two drafts from Spencer, Trask & Co., having been introduced to them by a well-known railroad man as General A. P. Morton, by which name he seemed to be known to other people in Albany. As a part of the value of his Richmond drafts he received two other drafts, one on Henry C. Black, and the other on a Mrs. Kenney. Leaving Albany he went to Rochester, and his wife was sent for to join him at Albany. The detectives were now on his trail, and at Albany Pinkerton's men found the wife, Marvin having deserted her. Having probably learned that the authorities were after him he failed to meet her, but had sent her a bogus notice, inserted by himself in the Rochester papers, announcing

ing that her mother had been dangerously hurt by being thrown while riding in Richmond. He advised her to go at once to Richmond by way of Harrisburg, and sent her money to pay her fare. She returned, and is now with her friends in Virginia. Marvin went to Buffalo and other cities, and finally crossed into Canada. The detectives, still following the clues, discovered that H. C. Black and Mrs. Kenney were residents of New Haven, and that Black knew Marvin as General Morton, and that he had a wife and daughter living in that city. Black said the General always seemed to have plenty of money, but was always from home at intervals for weeks or months.

About this stage in the chase Pinkerton became convinced that the man he was looking for was the same that he had sought for two years ago under the name of David Lindsay, for marrying and deserting two young ladies in this city. One of them he took to Washington and there abandoned her. The other he married later, and, after taking her to Chicago, he borrowed \$200 from her and left her in that city. Mrs. Pinkerton refuses to give the names of these two victims because they are now both married happily and living in this city. Other circumstances also convinced Pinkerton that Marvin was the same man who, under the name of Martin, about three years ago forged bills of exchange for \$5,000 on a private bank at Eufaula, Ala., and who, about the same time, forged some drafts at Joplin, Mo., under the name of J. A. Marvin. It appears that in this last transaction Marvin swindled a member of the Missouri Legislature out of \$2,000. A year ago last spring Marvin was recognized by his victim in St. Louis, and was arrested and held to bail in \$10,000. He obtained good bail and ran away as soon as he got out of jail, leaving his bondsmen, one of whom was a New York lawyer, to get out of their responsibility the best way they could. In his baggage they found some burglars', counterfeiter's and forgers' implements, and some blank checks and a rubber stamp belonging to a bank at Owensboro, Ky., but they all proved to be counterfeit. Chief of Police McDonough, however, had already, before his flight, compelled the prisoner to sit for a photograph, and another portrait of him was found in his baggage. These pictures were multiplied and sent to the police agencies all over the country from St. Louis.

When Pinkerton met parties who came on here from Richmond in Miss Turpin's latest case, he showed them his rogues' album. As soon as the parties, of whom Mr. A. M. Brownell was one, saw Marvin's picture, taken in St. Louis as that of B. A. Martin, they at once identified the individual as the person whom they were seeking. Arrangements were at once made with Chief of Police Webster, in New Haven, to keep a lookout for him, as well as to watch Marvin's adopted daughter, who was living with Mrs. Kenney. On Wednesday last parties in this city informed Pinkerton that General Marvin was stopping at the Sagamore House in Lynn, Mass., under the name of Benjamin F. Adams. Mr. Brownell has been North for a week past assisting in the case, and was at New Haven. Pinkerton telegraphed to Brownell to go to Lynn and see if he could identify "Adams." Brownell got to Lynn at six o'clock yesterday morning, and by nine o'clock he had identified Adams as his old acquaintance, and quondam brother-in-law Marvin, and had procured his arrest. Marvin, alias Morton, alias Adams, is now in jail, and yesterday the Governor of Virginia granted a requisition on Governor Long, of Massachusetts, for the extradition of the prisoner to Richmond. Captain Pinkerton left this city last night for Lynn, and will go with his man to Richmond.

It now turns out that in the interval, while Marvin was absent from Richmond, in July last, he went to Lakewood, N. J., and there married a young widow—Mrs. Nellie De Hart, daughter of the Rev. G. L. Hovey—the bride's father performing the ceremony. Before the ceremony he tried to get Mr. Hovey to cash a draft for \$5,000 for him, but the minister did not do it. After the marriage, however, Marvin borrowed \$100, giving Mr. Hovey his note, payable one day after date, for the amount. Then Marvin went on his wedding trip. Arriving at Washington he left Mrs. Marvin De Hart in that city, saying that he was going to Fredericksburg to visit his sick child, but in fact he went to Richmond and married Miss Turpin. On his way north with her, on his second wedding trip, he stopped off the train at Washington and Miss Turpin was carried alone toward Baltimore. Marvin telegraphed to her on the train, however, that he had missed the train at the Washington depot, but would follow on the next train. Going to the hotel in Washington where he had left Mrs. De Hart, the Lakewood wife, he brought her with him on that "next train," sending her home from Philadelphia, and bringing Miss Turpin, whom he overtook on the way, to Jersey City.

Captain Pinkerton knows of several other women whom Marvin has married at different times, but says there is no need or purpose to be gained in giving their names. A year ago this arrant knave married a woman living in Painesville, Ohio, under the "governess" dodge. He also, about the same time, married a lady in Jersey City, and another in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, and, before any of them, one in Little Rock, Ark. While he was deserting himself in Missouri he became engaged to a young woman, succeeded in marrying the daughter of an ex-Governor of that State. His real name is Arthur Merritt, but his birth-place and early antecedents are not known. At various times he has victimized banks in the West and South by forged and worthless notes for considerable sums of money.—N. Y. Times.

### Railroad Accidents.

The Railroad Gazette of a recent date has a record of the railroad accidents occurring during last July. There were in all 102 accidents, whereby 35 persons were killed and 122 injured. Twenty accidents caused death; 24 injury, but not death, while in 55 accidents, no serious injury to persons is recorded. As compared with July, 1880, there was an increase of 24 accidents, 17 in the number of killed and 22 in the number of injured. For the year ending with July the record is as follows:

	Accidents	Killed	Injured
August.....	112	49	214
September.....	124	15	74
October.....	120	69	137
November.....	145	40	185
December.....	196	19	211
January.....	210	30	192
February.....	149	27	259
March.....	113	34	157
April.....	61	21	82
May.....	85	24	76
June.....	73	31	78
July.....	102	38	122
Totals.....	1,444	412	1,665
Same months, 1879-80.....	858	209	796
Same months, 1876-79.....	881	214	997